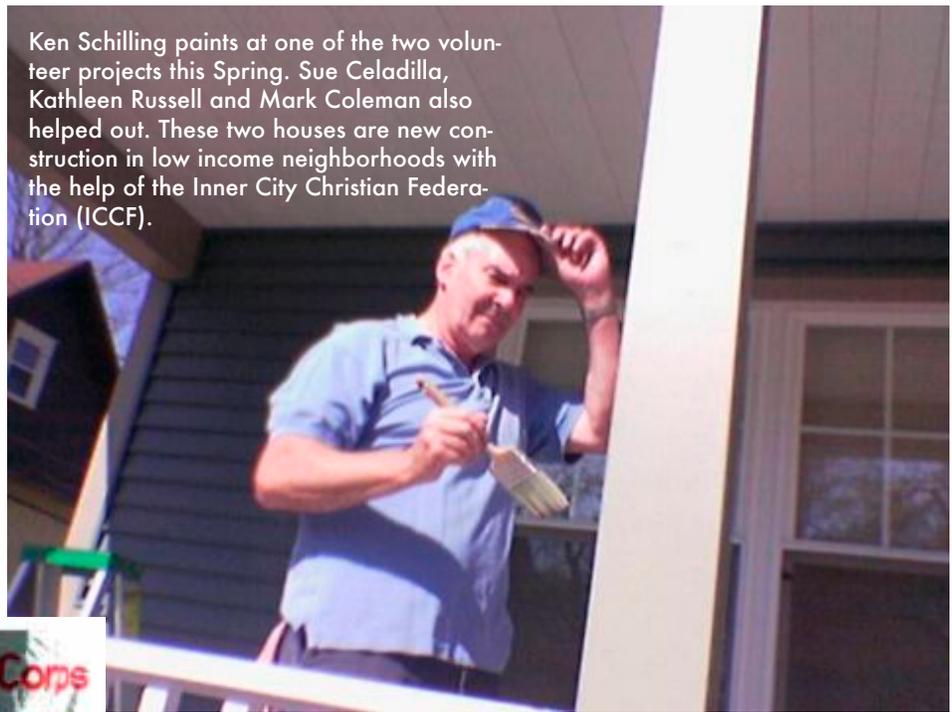


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Ken Schilling paints at one of the two volunteer projects this Spring. Sue Celadilla, Kathleen Russell and Mark Coleman also helped out. These two houses are new construction in low income neighborhoods with the help of the Inner City Christian Federation (ICCF).

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### Inner City Christian Federation Painting Projects in Spring, Lead Our Group Volunteer Efforts

This Spring, several members of our group helped to finish two painting projects with the Inner City Christian Federation. Ken Schilling was responsible for making this connection. The organization builds and provides low-income financing for homes in Grand Rapids. This is the second

year that Ken has been our contact to reach out locally with our contribution of labor. Last year, we helped with landscaping at two locations.

### Highlights from this past year's Events

Our International dinner in January started the year's activities. This was an occasion for Ken Schilling to pull out, and dust, his slides of his experiences in Liberia, West Africa. This was a great

connection back to the beginning of Peace Corps.

The images brought back memories of service in all of the African countries our group represented that night, but also for those in Central America and the Caribbean due to the similarity in the look of the coastal images. Much discussion took place afterwards about how Liberia has changed and stayed the same in its modern history. Next January, we expect

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RPCV's of West Michigan is established to help returned volunteers network locally and nationally, to continue volunteering with local and international service projects and to promote global education and understanding in West Michigan.

events	spring	summer	fall/winter
<p>Here is the year's calendar blocked out for your benefit. The summer is always busy, but plan on coming to at least one of the picnics. As always, updates will be posted on our website: <a href="http://rpcvwestmichigan.org">rpcvwestmichigan.org</a></p>	<p><b>15 April</b> Jamaica Dave's Restaurant at 7 pm.</p> <p><b>21 May</b> Painting at the ICCF house</p> <p><b>28</b> Lacinia litora Consectetur est. Class aptent taciti sociosqu ad litora torquent per conubia nostra.</p>	<p><b>26 June</b> Picnic at Tom Appel's house on Bostwick Lake.</p> <p><b>14 August</b> Picnic at the Pohlads, 1 - 5 pm. Bring a dish to pass. Possible making of Layettes for the Sparta Health Center.</p>	<p><b>14 October</b> Ethnic Restaurant chosen by Priscilla and Charlotte.</p> <p><b>3 December</b> Annual end of year report and Winter party at the Coleman's. See you there. 244 Dale St. NE</p> <p><b>Jan/Feb '06</b> Annual business meeting with a guest speaker to share a Peace Corps experience.</p>

to hear from someone else. Let Mark know if you have a country experience to share.

### National RPCV Conference in Chicago

With Chicago as the venue of the National Conference for RPCV, we took the opportunity to send two people to represent our group. Sue Celadilla and Carolyn Peacock both attended and were sponsored in part by our group.

### Summer Activities - Projects and Donations

At our summer picnic, we assembled 15 baskets of items for new born babies to be given to new migrant farmer mothers through the Sparta Health Center in Sparta, Michigan. We also made 10 emergency personal care kits for the American Red Cross to use locally. At these meetings we sent an additional \$150 for underwear to AIDS orphans in Lesotho (the year before we sent \$300) and \$750 to fellow Michigander, Heather Medina's Partnership Latrine project in the Dominican Republic.

### Officers and Other Contacts

Sue Celadilla has stepped down as Group Leader and Mark Coleman has been elected to the position. Kathleen Russel is staying on as treasurer and Billy continues as Vice President.

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### Pablo Casals

The love of one's country is a splendid thing. But why should love stop at the border?

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